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Hon. Paul A. Engelmayer
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
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Re: *Frontier Airlines, Inc. v. AMCK Aviation Holdings Ireland Ltd., et al.*, No. 1:22-cv-02943 (PAE) – Frontier’s Motion to Seal Exhibit 3 to the Declaration of Paul Lambert

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

We represent Frontier Airlines, Inc. (“Frontier”) in the above-captioned proceeding. On June 7, 2023, Frontier filed an application by order to show cause seeking a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction to enjoin Defendants Wells Fargo Trust Company, N.A. and UMB Bank, N.A., solely in their capacity as owner trustee for aircraft leased to Frontier, from exercising certain contractual remedies flowing from their May 26, 2023 declaration of an alleged breach of lease agreements that are the subject of this litigation. In support of its application, Frontier submitted a declaration of Paul Lambert (the “Lambert Declaration”), an attorney at Lane Powell P.C., who acts as outside counsel for Frontier.

Exhibit 3 to the Lambert Declaration is a March 2020 Framework Agreement between AMCK Aviation Holdings Ireland Limited and Frontier (the “Framework Agreement”). Frontier filed the public docket version of the Framework Agreement with a redacted slipsheet, and informed Chambers that it would follow up with a more formal redacted copy and motion to seal given the time-sensitive nature of Frontier’s application. A partially redacted version is now attached to the Declaration of Eric B. Fisher supporting this letter motion.

The attached version of the Framework Agreement redacts only the portions of the agreement that reveal aircraft pricing, Frontier’s long-term fleet plans, and other commercially sensitive business strategy terms that could place Frontier at a competitive disadvantage to other major airlines were they to become public. Although there is a “strong presumption of access” that attaches to public court filings, *Lugosch v. Pyramid Co. of Onondaga*, 435 F.3d 110, 121 (2d Cir. 2006), courts have nevertheless allowed narrowly tailored redactions to protect commercially sensitive business terms, *see, e.g., Playtex Prods., LLC v. Munchkin, Inc.*, 14 Civ. 1308, 2016 WL 1276450, at *12 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 29, 2016) (sealing “confidential and sensitive business information”); *New York v. Actavis, PLC*, No. 14 Civ. 7473, 2014 WL 5353774, at *3;

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Vesta Corset Co. v. Carmen Founds., Inc., 97 Civ. 5139, 1999 WL 13257, at *2 (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 13, 1999). Particularly given that the portions of the Framework Agreement upon which Frontier relies remain unredacted, sealing the commercially sensitive portions of the Framework Agreement is particularly appropriate under the circumstances.

Very truly yours,



Eric B. Fisher

Enclosure

cc: All Counsel of Record (via ECF and Email)

Granted. SO ORDERED.



PAUL A. ENGELMAYER
United States District Judge
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